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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: IMAGE ENCODING SYSTEM AND METHOD
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 31 pages, including one title page (not numbered), specification (24 pages, pages 1-24), claims (5 pages, pages 25-29), and one Abstract page (page 30), 3 independent claims and 22 claims total.
2. Drawings - 3 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-3).
3. Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Pinnacle Systems, Inc. (3 pages total).

5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
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Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$86	
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\$770.00 filing fee;
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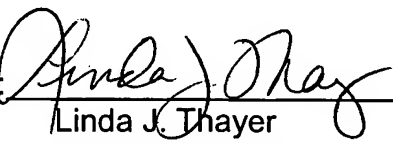
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